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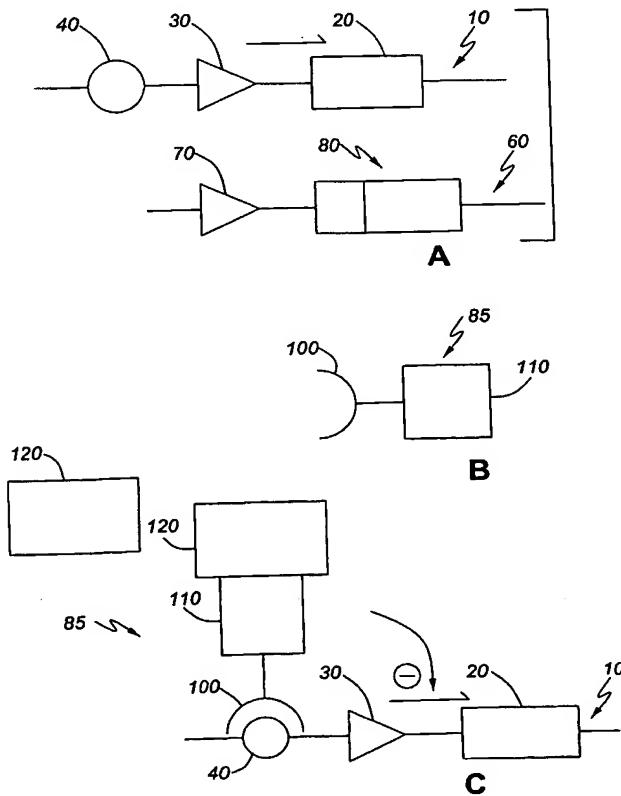
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(54) Title: REGULATION OF GENE EXPRESSION USING CHROMATIN REMODELLING FACTORS



(57) Abstract: The invention provides a method to regulate expression of a gene of interest in a plant comprising, introducing into the plant a first nucleotide sequence comprising, the gene of interest operatively linked to a first regulatory region, and an operator sequence capable of binding a fusion protein, and a second nucleotide sequence comprising a second regulatory region in operative association with a nucleotide sequence encoding the fusion protein. The fusion protein comprising, a DNA binding protein, or a portion thereof, capable of binding the operator sequence, and a recruitment factor protein, or a portion thereof, capable of binding a chromatin remodelling protein. In this manner, expression of the second nucleotide sequence produces the fusion protein that regulates expression of the gene of interest.



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1. claims: completely 1-16, 30-40 and, partially 19, 20, 28, 29

Methods for regulating expression of a nucleic acid, or enhancing expression of a nucleic acid, or controlling transcription of a nucleic acid, or for increasing cold tolerance in a plant by using a first nucleic acid sequence encoding a gene of interest linked to a first regulatory region and a operator sequence capable of binding a fusion protein, and, a second nucleic acid sequence encoding a DNA binding protein and a recruitment factor protein.

2. claims: completely 15-18, 21 and, partially 19, 20

A nucleic acid sequence encoding bnKCP1, and fragments thereof; a nucleic acid sequence encoding a fusion protein comprising bnKCP1; a method for regulating gene expression in a eukaryote using said nucleic acid.

3. claim: 22

An isolated nucleic acid encoding a histone deacetylase-GAL4DB fusion protein.

4. claims: completely 23-27 and, partially 28, 29

An isolated nucleic acid encoding BnSCL1, and fragments thereof; a method for regulating gene expression in a eukaryote using said nucleic acid.

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